

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
DISTRICT OF NEVADA

SHERI M. COLLINS, an individual

Case # 3:23-cv-00494 - RCJ-CLB

Plaintiff(s),

vs.

THE ELEVANCE HEALTH
COMPANIES, INC. and ROE CORP.

Defendant(s).

**VERIFIED PETITION FOR
PERMISSION TO PRACTICE
IN THIS CASE ONLY BY
ATTORNEY NOT ADMITTED
TO THE BAR OF THIS COURT
AND DESIGNATION OF
LOCAL COUNSEL**

FILING FEE IS \$250.00

Melissa K. Taft

(name of petitioner)

, Petitioner, respectfully represents to the Court:

1. That Petitioner is an attorney at law and a member of the law firm of

Seyfarth Shaw LLP

(firm name)

with offices at 233 South Wacker Drive, Suite 8000

(street address)

Chicago

(city)

Illinois

(state)

60606

(zip code)

312-460-5000

(area code + telephone number)

mtaft@seyfarth.com

(Email address)

2. That Petitioner has been retained personally or as a member of the law firm by

The Elevance Health Companies, Inc.

[client(s)]

to provide legal representation in connection with

the above-entitled case now pending before this Court.

3. That since October 15, 2010, Petitioner has been and presently is a member in good standing of the bar of the highest Court of the State of Indiana ☐ where Petitioner regularly practices law. Petitioner shall attach a certificate from the state bar or from the clerk of the supreme court or highest admitting court of each state, territory, or insular possession of the United States in which the applicant has been admitted to practice law certifying the applicant's membership therein is in good standing.

4. That Petitioner was admitted to practice before the following United States District Courts, United States Circuit Courts of Appeal, the Supreme Court of the United States and Courts of other States on the dates indicated for each, and that Petitioner is presently a member in good standing of the bars of said Courts.

Court	Date Admitted	Bar Number
Indiana Supreme Court	10/15/2010	29253-53
Southern District of Indiana	05/03/2012	
Northern District of Indiana	04/30/2012	
7th Circuit Court of Appeals	10/21/2014	

5. That there are or have been no disciplinary proceedings instituted against petitioner, nor any suspension of any license, certificate or privilege to appear before any judicial, regulatory or administrative body, or any resignation or termination in order to avoid disciplinary or disbarment proceedings, except as described in detail below:

NONE

1 6. That Petitioner has never been denied admission to the State Bar of Nevada. (Give
2 particulars if ever denied admission):

3 NONE

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6 7. That Petitioner is a member of good standing in the following Bar Associations.

7 State of Indiana

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10 8. Petitioner has filed application(s) to appear as counsel under Local Rule IA 11-2
11 (formerly LR IA 10-2) during the past three (3) years in the following matters: (State "none" if no applications.)

12 Date of Application	13 Cause	14 Title of Court Administrative Body or Arbitrator	15 Was Application Granted or Denied	16
NONE			Denied	<input type="checkbox"/>
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			Denied	<input type="checkbox"/>

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19 (If necessary, please attach a statement of additional applications)

20 9. Petitioner consents to the jurisdiction of the courts and disciplinary boards of the
21 State of Nevada with respect to the law of this state governing the conduct of attorneys to the same
22 extent as a member of the State Bar of Nevada.

23 10. Petitioner agrees to comply with the standards of professional conduct required of
24 the members of the bar of this court.

25 11. Petitioner has disclosed in writing to the client that the applicant is not admitted to
26 practice in this jurisdiction and that the client has consented to such representation.

1 That Petitioner respectfully prays that Petitioner be admitted to practice before this Court
 2 FOR THE PURPOSES OF THIS CASE ONLY.

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 4 STATE OF Illinois ☐

5 COUNTY OF Cook }

Melissa Taft

Petitioner's signature

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 7 Melissa Taft

Petitioner, being first duly sworn, deposes and says:

8 That the foregoing statements are true.

9 Melissa Taft

Petitioner's signature

10 Subscribed and sworn to before me this

11 20th day of November, 2023

12 Heather Hahn Paras

Notary Public or Clerk of Court



HEATHER HAHN PARAS
 OFFICIAL SEAL
 Notary Public, State of Illinois
 My Commission Expires
 July 26, 2026

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 16 **DESIGNATION OF RESIDENT ATTORNEY ADMITTED TO**
 17 **THE BAR OF THIS COURT AND CONSENT THERETO.**

18 Pursuant to the requirements of the Local Rules of Practice for this Court, the Petitioner
 19 believes it to be in the best interests of the client(s) to designate Aaron R. Maurice
 (name of local counsel)
 20 Attorney at Law, member of the State of Nevada and previously admitted to practice before the
 21 above-entitled Court as associate resident counsel in this action. The address and email address of
 22 said designated Nevada counsel is:

23 Maurice Wood, 8250 West Charleston Blvd., Suite 100

(street address)

24 Las Vegas

(city)

Nevada

(state)

89117

(zip code)

26 702-463-7613

(area code + telephone number)

amaurice@mauricewood.com

(Email address)

1 By this designation the petitioner and undersigned party(ies) agree that this designation constitutes
2 agreement and authorization for the designated resident admitted counsel to sign stipulations
3 binding on all of us.
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5 **APPOINTMENT OF DESIGNATED RESIDENT NEVADA COUNSEL**

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7 The undersigned party(ies) appoint(s) Aaron R. Maurice as
8 (name of local counsel)
his/her/their Designated Resident Nevada Counsel in this case.

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10 Rachel M. Fleischer
11 (party's signature)

12 The Elevance Health Companies, Inc.; Managing Assoc.
13 (type or print party name, title) General Counsel, Sr.

14 (party's signature)

15 (type or print party name, title)
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17 **CONSENT OF DESIGNEE**

18 The undersigned hereby consents to serve as associate resident Nevada counsel in this case.

19 Aaron R. Maurice
20 Designated Resident Nevada Counsel's signature

21 6412 amaurice@mauricewood.com
22 Bar number Email address

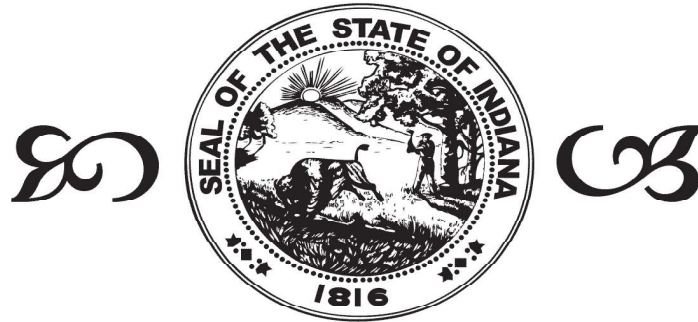
23 **APPROVED:**

24 Dated: this 22nd day of November, 2023.

25 R. James
26 UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE
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Exhibit 1 – Certificate of Good Standing

SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF INDIANA



Certification

STATE OF INDIANA:

I, Bradley W. Skolnik, Executive Director of the Office of Admissions and Continuing Legal Education, do hereby certify that

MELISSA KAY TAFT

is a member of the bar of the Supreme Court of Indiana since admission on October 15, 2010, and is in good standing therein.

Given under my hand and the seal of said Court at Indianapolis, Indiana, this 26th day of September, 2023.



Bradley W. Skolnik
Executive Director
Office of Admissions and Continuing Education
Indiana Supreme Court